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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like your comments on the Field Sampling Plan for Phase II of the McFarland drinking water investigation. The plan is a technical document that describes the methods, procedures, and quality control measures to be used during the sampling for Phase II. EPA plans to collect water samples from faucets in some homes, public buildings, and schools throughout McFarland.

The Field Sampling Plan for Phase II will be available beginning December 15, 1997, at the McFarland Public Library, the Beale Memorial Library in Bakersfield, and the EPA Region 9 Superfund Records Center in San Francisco. Questions or comments on the plan should be sent to Angeles Herrera or Mark Calhoon at U.S. EPA, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105. **To make sure EPA considers your concerns before the sampling begins, please make any comments on the plan by January 15, 1998.**

Future Sampling

EPA will begin sampling for Phase II of the drinking water investigation in January 1998 after comments on the plan are addressed and the plan is finalized. Phase II completes the drinking water study, which began with Phase I in July 1997. During Phase I, EPA collected samples from all active and inactive drinking water wells and the 750,000 gallon municipal water storage tank in McFarland. EPA is still receiving data from Phase I sampling and is in the process of reviewing it to ensure that laboratory methods were strictly followed. As part of the Phase I data validation process, EPA will also return to McFarland the week of December 15 to retest some of the wells that were sampled in July.

Community Involvement

Community Involvement Plan

EPA believes a strong community involvement program is essential for success in addressing the environmental concerns of the McFarland community. EPA is committed to reaching out and involving as many members of the community as are interested. EPA's Community Involvement Plan outlining the *community involvement program* for the environmental assessment in McFarland is available at the McFarland Public Library, the Beale Memorial Library in Bakersfield, and the EPA Region 9 Superfund Records Center in San Francisco.

Community Advisory Group

Would you like to become more involved in EPA's environmental assessment in McFarland? EPA is looking for interested residents to volunteer to serve on the Community Advisory Group (CAG). The group will meet bimonthly in McFarland to discuss EPA activities and issues of concern to McFarland. EPA would like to get a cross-section of the community, and volunteers need not be technically-trained, just interested in McFarland environmental issues. Call Angeles Herrera at (800) 231-3075 for more information about the CAG.

Community Meetings

EPA will hold a community meeting in McFarland in January to discuss the results from Phase I sampling of the drinking water wells and storage tank. All residents will be informed of the community open house and drinking water results by a fact sheet to be mailed to each home. Interested residents are encouraged to come. EPA also conducts informal meetings on an ongoing basis with concerned residents and community organizations. Let EPA know if you would like a representative to contact you or your group.

INFORMATION CENTERS/CENTROS DE INFORMACION

*Information about EPA's investigation is available at the following locations:
La información sobre la investigación de la EPA está disponible en los siguientes lugares:*

**McFarland Public Library/
Biblioteca Pública de McFarland**
500 Kern Avenue
McFarland, CA 93250
(805) 792-2318

**Beale Memorial Library
Local History Room/
Biblioteca Memorial Beale
Sala de Historia Local**
701 Truxton Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(805) 861-2136

**Superfund Records Center
U.S. EPA, Region 9/
Centro de Registros del Superfondo
de la EPA, Región 9**
95 Hawthorne Street, Suite 403S
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 536-2000

You may also contact EPA toll-free: /También puedes contactar la EPA con el número gratis: **(800) 231-3075**

Please call and leave a message for Angeles. She will return your call. /Por favor, llame y déjele un mensaje para Angeles. Ella le regresará la llamada.